

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
WAITANGITAONA RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE WHATAROA COMMUNITY HALL
ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2007, COMMENCING AT 10.40 AM.

PRESENT

K. Straight, G. Purcell, V. Northcroft, W. Nolan, V. Northcroft, A. Lash

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
B. Chinn, (Councillor), D. Davidson (Councillor)
S. Moran, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

P. Northcroft, D. Straight

V. Northcroft / K. Straight - Carried

BUSINESS

D. Davidson opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
He introduced himself and the Council staff.

Moved: ***"That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 18th October 2006, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

V. Northcroft / K. Straight - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen advised that council has requested copies of the cross sections recently surveyed by Transit on the Waitangitaona River but to date no information has been received. The Dennehy Swamp area has now been removed from the Rating District as requested at last year's AGM.

W. Moen spoke of the lease details relating to W. Nolan's lease. This has now been taken over by Straight Farms Whataroa Ltd. K. Straight advised that part of this is a new lease and another part is an existing lease. The annual fee for is now \$4,000 in total. W. Moen advised that \$6,500 is to go back to the Rating District. K. Straight confirmed that these figures are correct.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2007. This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$195,815.12

Moved: ***"That the financial report for the 2006 / 2007 year be adopted"***.

K. Straight / D. Nolan - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007. He advised that no works were carried out in this period.

Works charge out since 30 June 2007 totaled (\$4,680.71) and outlined a proposed allowance of \$42,800 maintenance expenditure for the following 2007 / 2008 year. W. Moen spoke of the proposed works for 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008. He advised that he carried out an inspection on 22 August 2007.

W. Moen advised that the proposed works has been tendered out to Ferguson's and that the price has dropped to what he expected. W. Nolan suggested having a stockpile of 1000 tonne of rock on hand. W. Moen stated that this is good insurance to have rock on hand. This rock is \$16.00 per tonne.

Moved: *"That the Works Report covering the 2006 / 2007 financial year be adopted and the 2007 / 2008 works proposals be approved and associated works implemented."*

D. Nolan / W. Nolan - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: *"That the present committee, namely:
P. Northcroft
W. Nolan
G. Purcell
D. Bowater
K. Straight
be retained as the committee for the 2007 / 2008 financial year."*

V. Northcroft / W. Nolan - Carried

Moved: *"That W. Nolan be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2007 / 2008 financial year."*

V. Northcroft / D. Nolan - Carried

RATES 2008 / 2009

W. Moen spoke to this report. He advised that \$200,000 in a reasonable amount to have in reserve and suggested that the same rate strike as last year be considered.

Moved: *"That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2008 / 2009 financial Year be \$15,000 + G.S.T."*

W. Nolan / K. Straight - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Lash spoke of the situation regarding the Whataroa quarry, which was in the minutes of last year's AGM. He stated that he was not present at this meeting and was not involved with the rating district until the 1st of June this year. W. Moen updated the meeting with the recent events regarding the access to the Whataroa quarry and the sale of the Friend's farm. W. Moen advised that an easement has been lodged against the title to give permanent legal access into the quarry. S. Moran asked A. Lash is there is a deal in place with Fergusons. A. Lash confirmed this. Compensation for the removal of rock remains an issue for A. Lash. S. Moran is following up this matter, as it is a council issue.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.05 am.

**Wayne Moen
River Engineer
September 2007**